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Eldon Heaston, Executive Director

November 14, 2011

Pierre Martinez, Compliance Project Manager
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-2000
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Rio Mesa Solar Project AFC Deemed Complete

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11-AFC-04

DATE NOV 14 2011

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Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (District) received a Request for Agency Participation and Application for Certification for the Rio Mesa Solar Electric Generating Facility (Rio Mesa Solar) in October 2011. In accordance with Rule 1306(B) (1), the District is hereby notifying you of its intent to participate in the Rio Mesa Solar proceedings. On a preliminary basis, the District concurs with the proponent's evaluation of applicable air quality regulations and finds that there is a substantial likelihood that the proposed facility can satisfy applicable District rules and regulations.

The District has reviewed this application for completeness as required by Rules 1302(B) and 1306(C). The District hereby finds this application complete, as it contains the following discussion elements: determination of emissions including toxic and hazardous; BACT; ambient air quality impacts including health; and applicable district rules and regulations.

The District has reviewed the meteorological data submitted with the application that was used to perform the modeling evaluation for the project. The District has determined that the data set submitted contains at least one year of data that is adequate to evaluate the project.

The District is now performing the analysis necessary to issue a Preliminary Decision of Compliance for Rio Mesa Solar. The District will notify you of any issues or information that need clarification.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Chris Anderson, Air Quality Engineer, at (760) 245-1661, extension 1846.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eldon Heaston".

Eldon Heaston
Executive Director

cc: Director, Air Division United States EPA, Region IX
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Tom Andrews, Sierra Research

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